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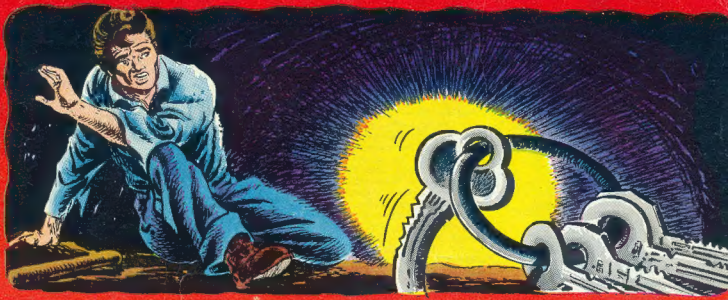
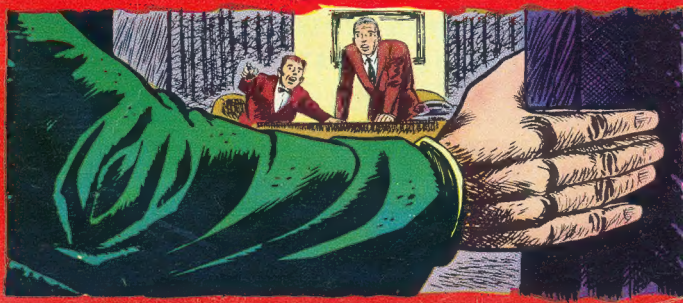


THE MAN WHO FOUND HIMSELF!

THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER!



LOOK AT SKINNY! I wouldn't be seen with him!
LATER
AM I PROUD OF THE WAY THE GIRLS LOOK AT YOU!
AND HE USED TO BE SO SKINNY!
WHAT A MAN!

SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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HE CAME INTO TOWN A SHADOW AMONG SHADOWS! HE STOPPED TO STARE AT THE SIGN JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN! SILENTLY HE MADE HIS PLANS! FOWLER JUNCTION WAS ABOUT TO GET THE SHOCK OF ITS LIFE FROM...
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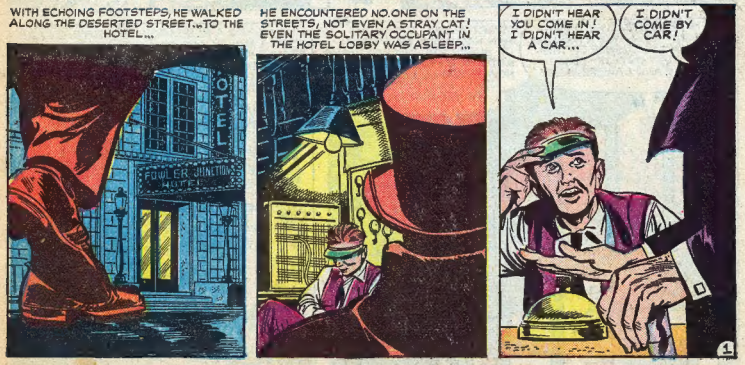
WITH ECHOING FOOTSTEPS, HE WALKED ALONG THE DESERTED STREET...TO THE HOTEL...
HE ENCOUNTERED NO ONE ON THE STREETS, NOT EVEN A STRAY CAT! EVEN THE SOLITARY OCCUPANT IN THE HOTEL LOBBY WAS ASLEEP...
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN! I DIDN'T HEAR A CAR...
I DIDN'T COME BY CAR!
OTEL
FOWLER JUNCTION HOTEL
4

THERE'S NO BUS OR TRAIN THIS TIME OF NIGHT!
I DIDN'T COME BY BUS OR TRAIN!
THEN HOW?
I'LL TAKE ONE OF YOUR AVAILABLE ROOMS! MAKE IT NUMBER 13! I WON'T BE STAYING BEYOND TOMORROW!
SEE THAT I'M AWAKENED AT 8 A.M. SHARP! I HAVE THINGS TO DO IN TOWN!
Y-YES, SIR!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, EVERYBODY IN TOWN NOTICED THE STRANGER...
WHO IS HE?
I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE? WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
LOOK AT THE WAY HE'S DRESSED! WHERE DID HE GET THOSE OLD CLOTHES?
DRUGS
THIS WAS NOTHING COMPARED WITH THE CONFUSION HE CREATED AT THE FOWLER JUNCTION JAIL-HOUSE!
ON YOUR FEET, SON! HERE IS SOMEBODY WHO BELIEVES YOUR STORY!
I'M A STRANGER IN TOWN... JUST AS YOU WERE A FEW WEEKS AGO! I'VE COME TO DEFEND YOU, BECAUSE I THINK YOU WERE MISJUDGED!
THIS IS FOWLER JUNCTION... AN HONEST TOWN! NO TOWNSMAN EVER SAW THE INSIDE OF THIS JAIL! JUST OUT-OF-TOWN SPEEDERS AND LAWBREAKERS!
NEVERTHELESS, THIS YOUNG MAN HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF SUSPICION AND PREJUDICE... AND I'M HANDLING HIS CASE! NOW IF YOU'LL LEAVE THIS CELL, I'LL LISTEN TO HIS STORY!
I WORK FOR A RESEARCH INSTITUTE! I CAME HERE A MONTH AGO TO INTERVIEW THE PEOPLE FOR A SURVEY! EVERYBODY I SPOKE TO REGARDED ME WITH SUSPICION AND MISTRUST!
I SUPPOSE THERE ARE SOME PLACES WHERE EVERY STRANGER IS MISTRUSTED!
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"ONE DAY, A WEEK LATER, A GOLD STATUETTE DISAPPEARED FROM THE TOWN MUSEUM! TO MY AMAZEMENT, THE HOTEL CHAMBERMAID FOUND IT IN **MY** DRESSER DRAWER! I WAS PROMPTLY ACCUSED OF STEALING!"

BUT SHERIFF, I NEVER EVEN **VISITED** THE TOWN MUSEUM!

PROVE IT, SON, AND YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! THIS TOWN'S MIDDLE NAME IS "FAIRNESS!"

PEOPLE I NEVER SAW BEFORE IN MY LIFE CAME FORWARD AS WITNESSES, CLAIMING THEY **SAW** ME HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE! DO YOU KNOW **WHERE** I WAS ALL THE TIME I WAS SUPPOSE TO BE STEALING? IN MY **HOTEL ROOM,** SLEEPING!

I'M NOT **BLAMING** THESE PEOPLE! THEY'RE **NOT** DISHONEST! THEY'RE JUST DISTRUSTFUL OF STRANGERS! THEY **THINK** THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH! BUT WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE **ME?**

GUILTLESS, MY BOY! I AM NO LAWYER, BUT MY INSIGHT INTO THE HUMAN HEART IS BETTER THAN MOST MEN'S! WAIT UNTIL THE TRIAL BEGINS!

LATER, THAT MORNING, IN THE COURTHOUSE...

DO YOU SWEAR, HESTER MASTON, THAT **THIS** IS THE YOUNG MAN YOU SAW OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL MUSEUM AT **2 P.M.** ON THE DAY IN QUESTION?

Y-YES! THAT'S HIM!

AND SO IT WENT! WITNESS AFTER WITNESS PILED UP THE BURDEN OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THE DEFENDANT!

IT WAS HIM ALL RIGHT!

IT'S THAT YOUNG FELLOW SITTING THERE!

LAST OF ALL CAME THE CHAMBERMAID WHO EXPLAINED HOW SHE FOUND THE MISSING ITEM IN THE ACCUSED'S DRESSER DRAWER!

THE PEOPLE REST! **YOUR** WITNESS!

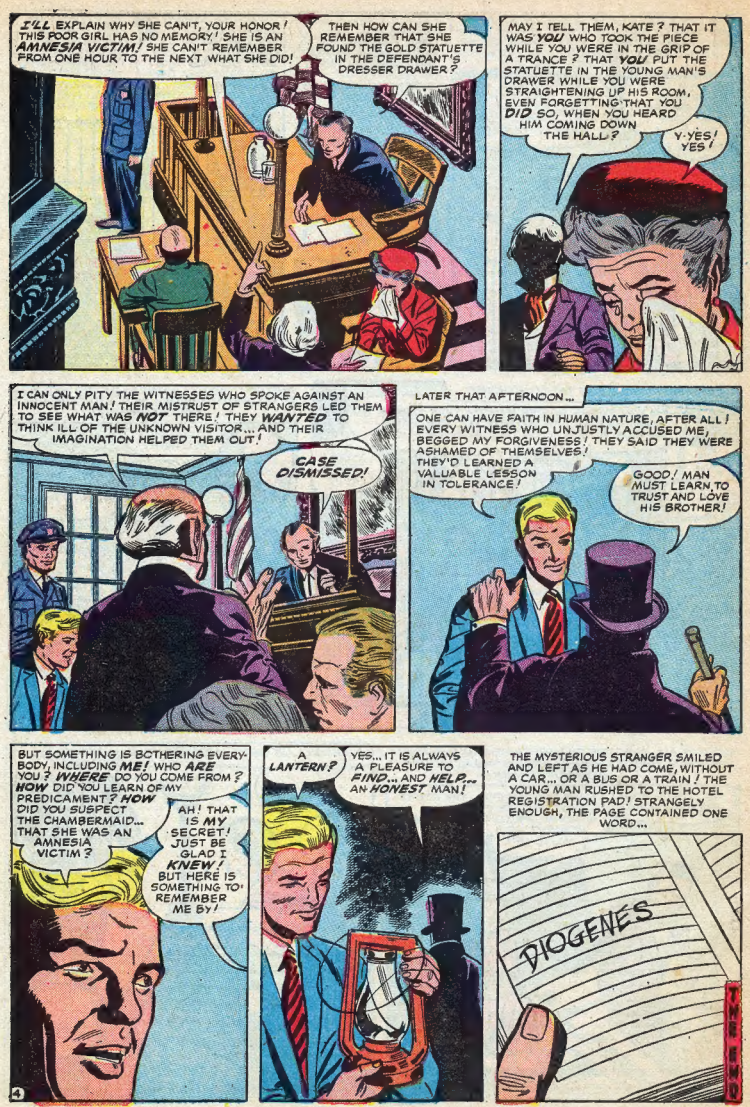
KAYE QUILTER, TELL THE COURT EVERYTHING YOU DID THIS MORNING FROM THE MOMENT YOU WOKE UP!

I-I DON'T KNOW...

THEN TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU YESTERDAY... OR THE DAY **BEFORE!**

I-I CAN'T!

WHY **CAN'T** YOU?


I'LL EXPLAIN WHY SHE CAN'T, YOUR HONOR! THIS POOR GIRL HAS NO MEMORY! SHE IS AN AMNESIA VICTIM! SHE CAN'T REMEMBER FROM ONE HOUR TO THE NEXT WHAT SHE DID!
THEN HOW CAN SHE REMEMBER THAT SHE FOUND THE GOLD STATUETTE IN THE DEFENDANT'S DRESSER DRAWER?
MAY I TELL THEM, KATE? THAT IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK THE PIECE WHILE YOU WERE IN THE GRIP OF A TRANCE? THAT YOU PUT THE STATUETTE IN THE YOUNG MAN'S DRAWER WHILE YOU WERE STRAIGHTENING UP HIS ROOM, EVEN FORGETTING THAT YOU DID SO, WHEN YOU HEARD HIM COMING DOWN THE HALL?
Y-YES! YES!
I CAN ONLY PITY THE WITNESSES WHO SPOKE AGAINST AN INNOCENT MAN! THEIR MISTRUST OF STRANGERS LED THEM TO SEE WHAT WAS NOT THERE! THEY WANTED TO THINK ILL OF THE UNKNOWN VISITOR... AND THEIR IMAGINATION HELPED THEM OUT!
CASE DISMISSED!
LATER THAT AFTERNOON...
ONE CAN HAVE FAITH IN HUMAN NATURE, AFTER ALL! EVERY WITNESS WHO UNJUSTLY ACCUSED ME, BEGGED MY FORGIVENESS! THEY SAID THEY WERE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES! THEY'D LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON IN TOLERANCE!
GOOD! MAN MUST LEARN TO TRUST AND LOVE HIS BROTHER!
BUT SOMETHING IS BOTHERING EVERYBODY, INCLUDING ME! WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? HOW DID YOU LEARN OF MY PREDICAMENT? HOW DID YOU SUSPECT THE CHAMBERMAID... THAT SHE WAS AN AMNESIA VICTIM?
AH! THAT IS MY SECRET! JUST BE GLAD I KNEW! BUT HERE IS SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!
A LANTERN?
YES... IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO FIND... AND HELP... AN HONEST MAN!
THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER SMILED AND LEFT AS HE HAD COME, WITHOUT A CAR... OR A BUS OR A TRAIN! THE YOUNG MAN RUSHED TO THE HOTEL REGISTRATION PAD! STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE PAGE CONTAINED ONE WORD...
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THE GARDENER

LIVING on a big estate was a lonely life for Michael Twelvetrees the Third until his dad hired a new gardener. For the gardener brought his grandson Willie to live there. From that time on Michael became known as Mickey. And the vast, untrampled acres began to see a little action.

Willie really took Mickey under his wing. For the first time in years, the Twelvetrees' cook had something to do besides putting pink ruffles on lamb chops. Willie taught her the art of making picnic sandwiches. And Mickey was overjoyed to eat over a green lawn instead of on fancy white tablecloths.

"I'm delighted that Will is such a good companion," his mother told him happily one evening.

"And I hope his grandpa can keep up the gardening," his father joined in, "so I'll be able to keep him on permanently."

Mickey was disturbed. What would happen if the gardener proved incompetent? The thought of losing Willie's friendship was a very sad one.

"Don't worry about it," Willie assured him gaily when they went on a hike the next day. "Grandpa likes keeping busy. That's why we moved here."

"Where did you live before?" asked Mickey curiously.

"Oh, lots of places, but Grandpa thought I'd be happiest here. He had to get special permission before they let him do it."

"Who do you mean?" Mickey questioned with interest.

"The Green Thumbs," Willie replied simply. "I'll tell you the story someday."

But that night Mickey approached his father. "Dad, who are the Green Thumbs?"

His father flicked a speck of lint from his velvet smoking jacket. "Who?" he asked. "Oh, green thumb, you said. Why, that's just an expression for someone who has a talent for making things grow. For instance you'd say a talented gardener has a green thumb . . . not thumbs, Michael, just *thumb*."

"And is that sort of thumb really green?" asked Mickey.

"Don't be absurd," his mother laughed. "It's an expression, my dear, nothing more."

The next day Willie and Mickey met Pops, the gardener, leaning over the rose bushes. Pops always wore a battered pair of gloves to protect his hands when he worked, Mickey noticed. He had never seen Pop without gloves, and despite his mother's explanation, Mickey began to wonder.

He especially took notice when his father pointed out in amazement that the flowers in the garden had doubled since Pop had come to work there.

"Tomorrow, I'm going to let him work on the poplar trees lining the driveway," said Mr. Twelvetrees.

The poplars were Mickey's parents' pride and joy. There were exactly twelve of them, majestically framing the approach to the house, and they were regarded as a family symbol for the name Twelvetrees.

Mickey's parents left to visit

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

THE NEWS WENT OVER THE AIRWAVES OF THE WORLD IN MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES! FLYING SAUCERS WERE NO LONGER A MYTH, THEY EXISTED... AND A WORLD GAZED UPWARD, TENSE AND ALERT, AND WONDERED...

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM!

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL BULLETIN! THE REPORT THAT FLYING SAUCERS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED!
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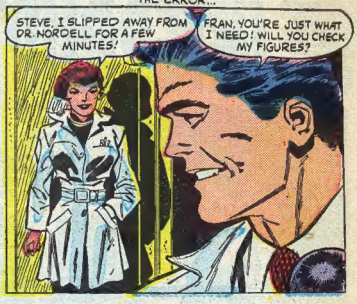
RELIABLE SOURCES ADMIT THESE STRANGE SHIPS COME FROM OUT OF SPACE, BUT FROM WHAT PLANET WE DO NOT KNOW! WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS ARE...
RAYMOND'S TV AND APPLIANCES

OF COURSE, THIS COMING OF ALIEN SPACESHIPS WAS UPPERMOST IN ALMOST EVERYONE'S MIND! STEVE CARSON, THE BRILLIANT YOUNG SCIENTIST, WAS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS! HE WAS TOO ENMESHED IN HIS IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT TO BOTHER ABOUT ANYTHING...

AN ATOMIC ENGINE, DRIVEN BY ATOMIC GAS THRUST, AN ENTIRELY NEW PRINCIPAL OF PROPULSION... THIS WAS HIS EXPERIMENT! BUT SOMETHING WAS WRONG, AND FOR THREE WEEKS HE HAD CHECKED HIS THEORETICAL FIGURES TO FIND THE ERROR...



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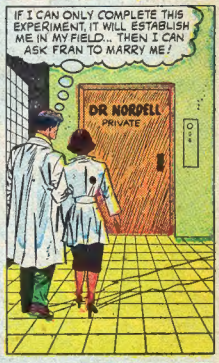
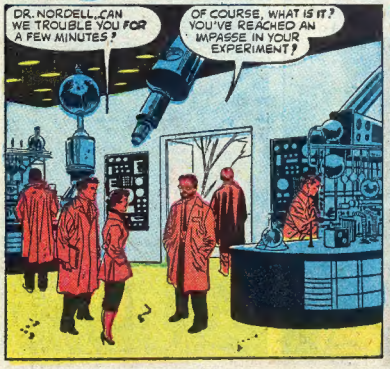
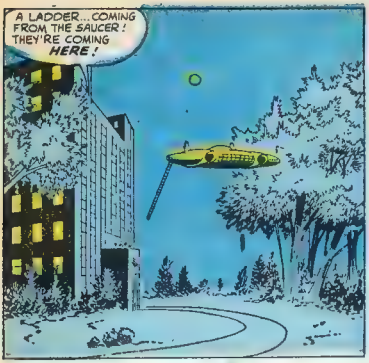
HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN! I RESPECT HIM MORE THAN ANY MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN!





YES, A PROBLEM... THE ENGINE WON'T WORK AND I'VE ABOUT GIVEN UP TRYING TO FIND WHY!
DR. NORDELL! A FLYING SAUCER! IT'S COMING TOWARD US!


A LADDER...COMING FROM THE SAUCER! THEY'RE COMING HERE!

AS THEY STOOD SPELLBOUND, A DOOR SLID OPEN IN THE SIDE OF THE SPACESHIP AND FIGURES GROUPED AT THE OPENING...

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU THE LATEST BULLETIN ON THE FLYING SAUCERS! THEY ARE HOVERING OVER MANY CENTERS OF RESEARCH...

THERE'S THE REASON! THESE ALIENS HAVE COME TO STEAL THE PRODUCTS OF OUR RESEARCH! MY ATOMIC-PROPELLED ENGINE... THEY MUST NOT GET IT!
STEVE, WAIT!

THERE WAS BUT ONE THOUGHT IN HIS MIND.. THE CREATURES, WHOEVER THEY WERE, MUST NOT HAVE THE PRODUCT OF HIS LONG WORK...

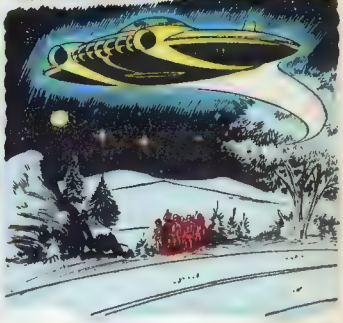
DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH! YOU MUST LISTEN..
NO! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR! WELL, YOU WON'T GET IT!

HE WOULD SMASH THE ENGINE! THEN THE VOICES CAME... DR. NORDELL'S RESONANT TONES, AND THE SWEET VOICE OF THE GIRL HE LOVED...
STEVE, STOP IT! LOOK AT ME!
STEVE! YOU MUST LISTEN!

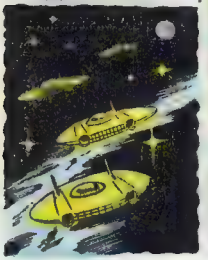
BITTER REALIZATION CAME...

YOU...THE GIRL I LOVE... THE MAN I ADMIRED SO MUCH... YOU'RE IN WITH THEM!
YES, WE'RE HUMAN, JUST LIKE YOU, ONLY WE COME FROM A DIFFERENT PLANET!

"A FEW OF US WERE DROPPED HERE ON EARTH TO ACHIEVE KEY POSITIONS IN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTES, WHERE IMPORTANT WORK WAS BEING DONE..."

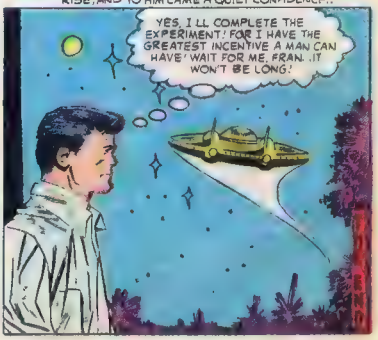


"WE'VE EXPLORED THE GALAXY AND FOUND MANY LIFE-FORMS, BUT NONE LIKE OURSELVES EXCEPT HERE, ON EARTH: YOUR EXPERIMENT AND A FEW OTHERS ARE THE REALLY IMPORTANT ONES THAT WILL LIFT MANKIND UP AND ENABLE IT TO REACH THE STARS...



WE MUST GO BACK TO OUR OWN PLANET NOW!
WE CAN ONLY HELP SO MUCH... AFTER THAT IT IS UP TO YOU, THE PEOPLE OF EARTH, TO COMPLETE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

HE STOOD ON THE BALCONY AND WATCHED THE GREAT SHIP RISE, AND TO HIM CAME A QUIET CONFIDENCE...



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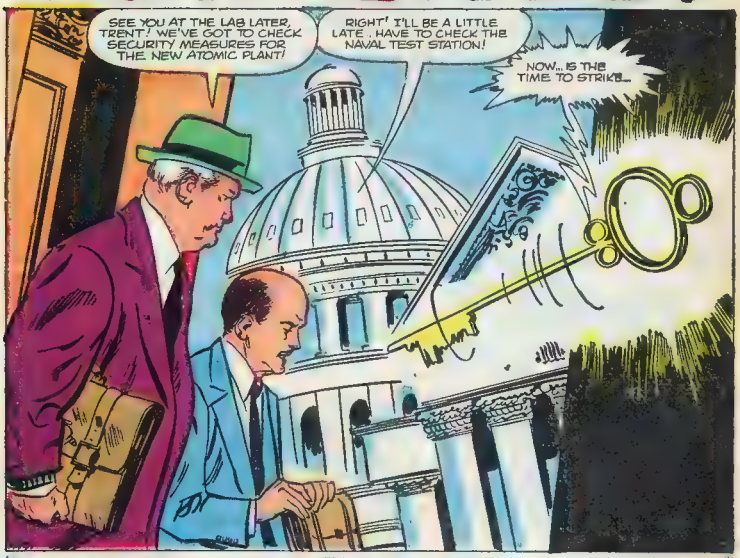
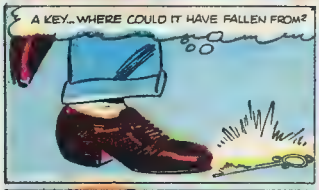
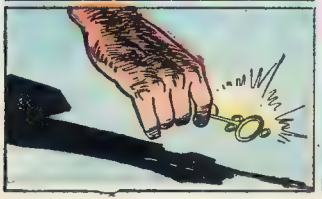
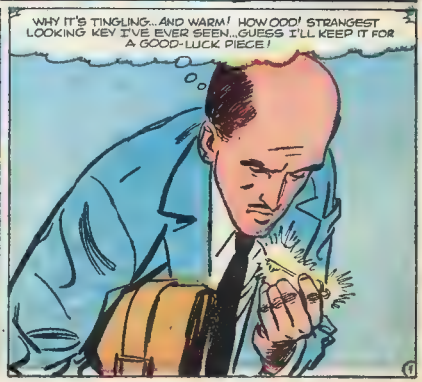
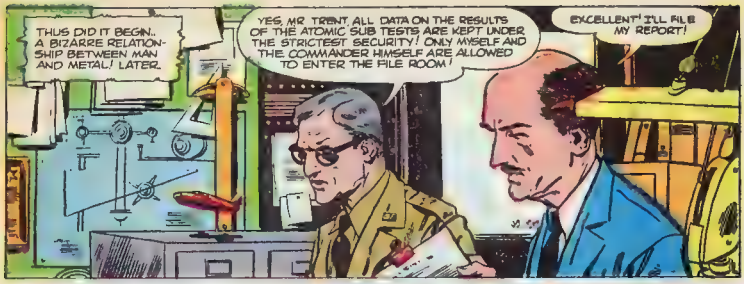
THE SECRET OF THE KEY THAT LIVED!


SEE YOU AT THE LAB LATER, TRENT! WE'VE GOT TO CHECK SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE NEW ATOMIC PLANT!
RIGHT! I'LL BE A LITTLE LATE.. HAVE TO CHECK THE NAVAL TEST STATION!
NOW... IS THE TIME TO STRIKE...





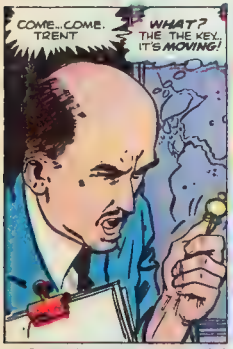


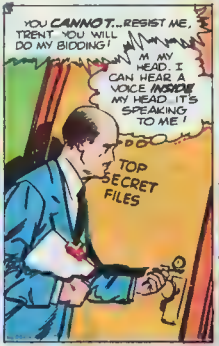

THUS DID IT BEGIN.. A BIZARRE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN AND METAL! LATER..
YES, MR TRENT, ALL DATA ON THE RESULTS OF THE ATOMIC SUB TESTS ARE KEPT UNDER THE STRICTEST SECURITY! ONLY MYSELF AND THE COMMANDER HIMSELF ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FILE ROOM!
EXCELLENT! I'LL FILE MY REPORT!

SUDDENLY, THE STRANGE KEY PULSATED IN TRENT'S HAND..

PULSATING VIBRATING, THE KEY "DREW" TRENT FORWARD..

THEN, THE SECURITY MAN'S SENSES REELED, AS..




YOU CANNOT...RESIST ME, TRENT. YOU WILL DO MY BIDDING!
IN MY HEAD. I CAN HEAR A VOICE INSIDE MY HEAD. IT'S SPEAKING TO ME!
TOP SECRET FILES

HELPLESSLY, TRENT WATCHED AS "IT" RE-FORMED ITSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN TO OPEN THE VAULTS WITHIN..

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, TRENT WAS A CAPTIVE OF THE KEY!

ALL DOORS WERE OPEN TO TOP SECURITY OFFICER TRENT...AND "IT"...

SOME ALIEN POWER..THEY CHOSE ME TO GLEAN OUR SECRETS! I...I MUST DO SOMETHING!
JET
AND AT NIGHT, THE THROBBING, WATCHFUL KEY CONTINUED TO BOTHER ARTHUR TRENT...
IT'S ALIVE...JUST AS I AM.. BUT ITS THOUGHT WAVES ARE STRONGER THAN MINE! NOW CAN I DEFEAT IT?
NEXT DAY, ADMIRAL BLAKE OF THE NAVAL TESTING STATION CALLED...
YES, TRENT, WE'D LIKE YOUR CLEARANCE ON THE NEW SECURITY PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
YOU WILL COME AT ONCE...TELL THEM...
I'LL BE RIGHT OVER, ADMIRAL!
TRENT STRODE INTO THE TEST STATION, HIS MIND STRUGGLED AGAINST THE ALIEN BOND THAT HELD HIM...
NOW... IT MUST BE DONE... IT IS ALIVE... LIKE MYSELF... IT CAN SUFFER ALSO...
AND MINUTES LATER...
SIR! MR. TRENT LEAPED INTO OUR DIVING CHAMBER! HE WON'T COME OUT!
GO DOWN AND GET HIM! HURRY! HE'S NOT TRAINED FOR THAT SORT OF THING!
LONG MINUTES LATER, THEY DRAGGED TRENT OUT...NEARLY EXHAUSTED...BARELY CONSCIOUS...
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, HE WALKED AWAY AND A SMILE CAME OVER HIS FACE AS HE LOOKED AT THE OBJECT IN HIS HAND...
TRENT! WHAT ON EARTH..?
IT'S ALL RIGHT... I JUST WANTED TO TEST SOMETHING...
ITS POWER IS DESTROYED! I COULD NEVER EXPLAIN WHY THIS SHAPELESS PIECE OF METAL WAS ONCE A MENACE TO OUR WORLD! THEY'D THINK ME MAD! I MUST KEEP THIS SECRET ALONE... AND I'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO IF ANOTHER KEY EVER COMES!

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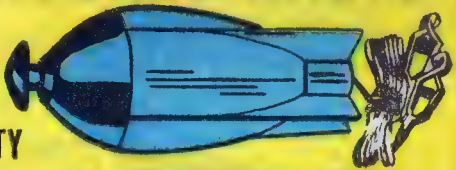

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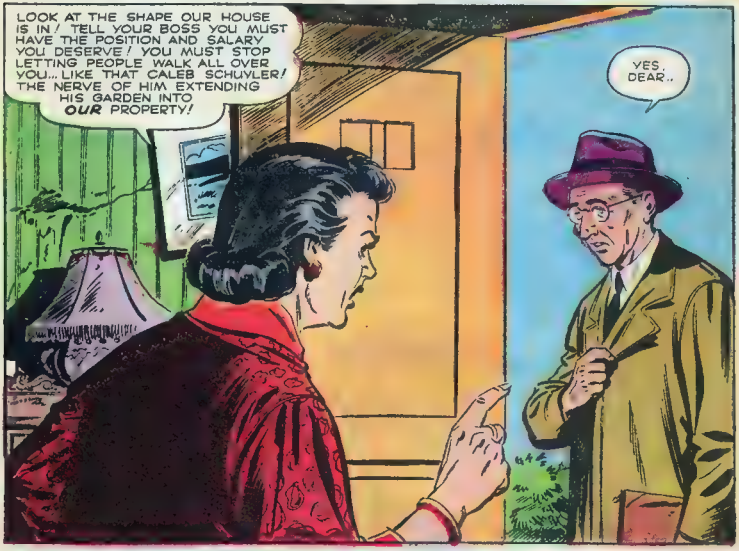
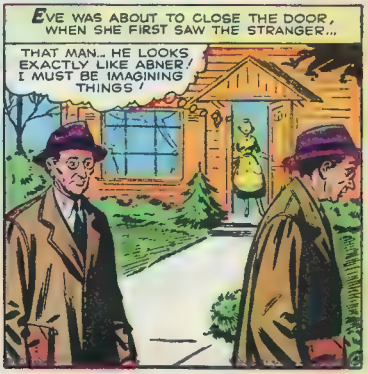
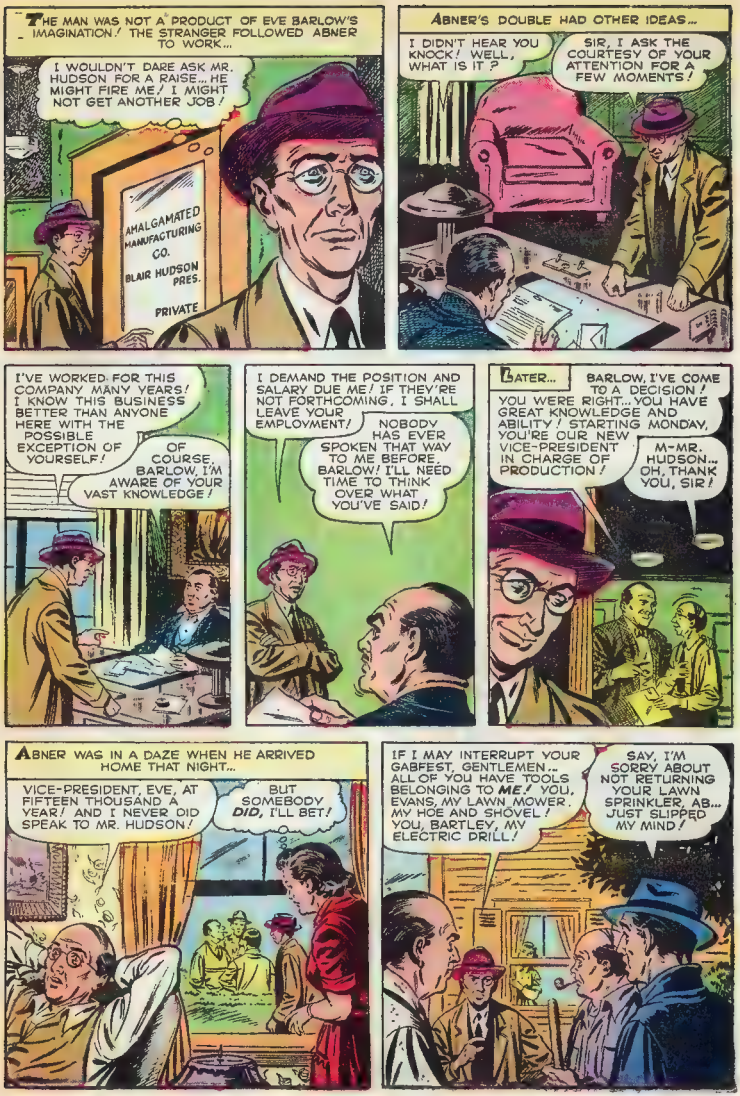
WAS HE FRIEND OR ENEMY? WHO WAS THIS STRANGER THAT FOLLOWED ABNER BARLOW? WHOEVER HE WAS, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE **GREAT CHANGE** IN ABNER'S LIFE!

THE MAN WHO FOUND HIMSELF!


LOOK AT THE SHAPE OUR HOUSE IS IN! TELL YOUR BOSS YOU MUST HAVE THE POSITION AND SALARY YOU DESERVE! YOU MUST STOP LETTING PEOPLE WALK ALL OVER YOU... LIKE THAT CALEB SCHUYLER! THE NERVE OF HIM EXTENDING HIS GARDEN INTO *OUR* PROPERTY!
YES, DEAR...

FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, ABNER BARLOW HAD HELD THE SAME JOB, FOR THE SAME PAY...
POOR ABNER! HE SIMPLY HASN'T THE COURAGE TO FACE MR. HUDSON AND DEMAND WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!


EVE WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE THE DOOR, WHEN SHE FIRST SAW THE STRANGER...
THAT MAN... HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ABNER! I MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS!


THE MAN WAS NOT A PRODUCT OF EVE BARLOW'S IMAGINATION! THE STRANGER FOLLOWED ABNER TO WORK...
I WOULDN'T DARE ASK MR. HUDSON FOR A RAISE... HE MIGHT FIRE ME! I MIGHT NOT GET ANOTHER JOB!
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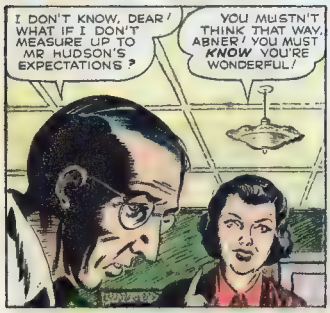
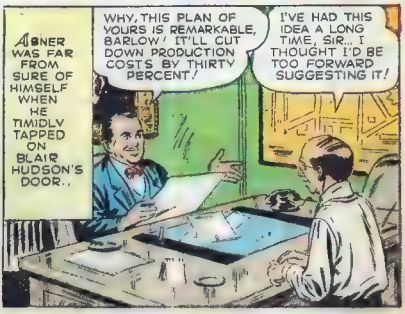
ABNER'S DOUBLE HAD OTHER IDEAS...
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU KNOCK! WELL, WHAT IS IT?
SIR, I ASK THE COURTESY OF YOUR ATTENTION FOR A FEW MOMENTS!
I'VE WORKED FOR THIS COMPANY MANY YEARS! I KNOW THIS BUSINESS BETTER THAN ANYONE HERE WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF YOURSELF!
OF COURSE, BARLOW, I'M AWARE OF YOUR VAST KNOWLEDGE!
I DEMAND THE POSITION AND SALARY DUE ME! IF THEY'RE NOT FORTHCOMING, I SHALL LEAVE YOUR EMPLOYMENT!
NOBODY HAS EVER SPOKEN THAT WAY TO ME BEFORE, BARLOW! I'LL NEED TIME TO THINK OVER WHAT YOU'VE SAID!
LATER...
BARLOW, I'VE COME TO A DECISION! YOU WERE RIGHT... YOU HAVE GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY! STARTING MONDAY, YOU'RE OUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PRODUCTION!
M-MR. HUDSON... OH, THANK YOU, SIR!
ABNER WAS IN A DAZE WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME THAT NIGHT...
VICE-PRESIDENT, EVE, AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND A YEAR! AND I NEVER DID SPEAK TO MR. HUDSON!
BUT SOMEBODY DID, I'LL BET!
IF I MAY INTERRUPT YOUR GABFEST, GENTLEMEN... ALL OF YOU HAVE TOOLS BELONGING TO ME! YOU, EVANS, MY LAWN MOWER. MY HOE AND SHOVEL! YOU, BARTLEY, MY ELECTRIC DRILL!
SAY, I'M SORRY ABOUT NOT RETURNING YOUR LAWN SPRINKLER, AB... JUST SLIPPED MY MIND!

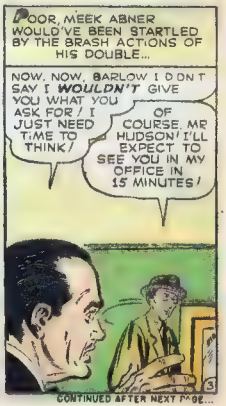
BEFORE LONG...
IT'S NICE OF YOU NOT BEING ANGRY ABOUT OUR FORGETTING TO RETURN THESE THINGS LONG AGO, AB! WE'LL PUT 'EM IN THE GARAGE FOR YOU!
THIS IS KIND OF YOU, GENTLEMEN!

ALL SORTS OF WONDERFUL THINGS ARE HAPPENING TO ME TODAY, EVE! I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
I DO! PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO APPRECIATE YOUR WORTH, YOUR IMPORTANCE, DEAR!


I DON'T KNOW, DEAR! WHAT IF I DON'T MEASURE UP TO MR HUDSON'S EXPECTATIONS?
YOU MUSTN'T THINK THAT WAY, ABNER! YOU MUST KNOW YOU'RE WONDERFUL!


ABNER WAS FAR FROM SURE OF HIMSELF WHEN HE TIMIDLY TAPPED ON BLAIR HUDSON'S DOOR..
WHY, THIS PLAN OF YOURS IS REMARKABLE, BARLOW! IT'LL CUT DOWN PRODUCTION COSTS BY THIRTY PERCENT!
I'VE HAD THIS IDEA A LONG TIME, SIR... I THOUGHT I'D BE TOO FORWARD SUGGESTING IT!

JUST A HALF-HOUR LATER..
B-BUT BARLOW, HOW CAN YOU ASK FOR ANOTHER PROMOTION AND RAISE SO SOON?
BECAUSE I DESERVE THEM, SIR! EITHER YOU MEET MY DEMANDS OR I ACCEPT THE FIRST OFFER FROM ANY COMPANY THAT WILL!


POOR, MEEK ABNER WOULD'VE BEEN STARTLED BY THE BRASH ACTIONS OF HIS DOUBLE...
NOW, NOW, BARLOW I DON'T SAY I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR! I JUST NEED TIME TO THINK!
OF COURSE, MR HUDSON! I'LL EXPECT TO SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE IN 15 MINUTES!

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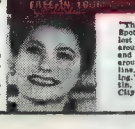

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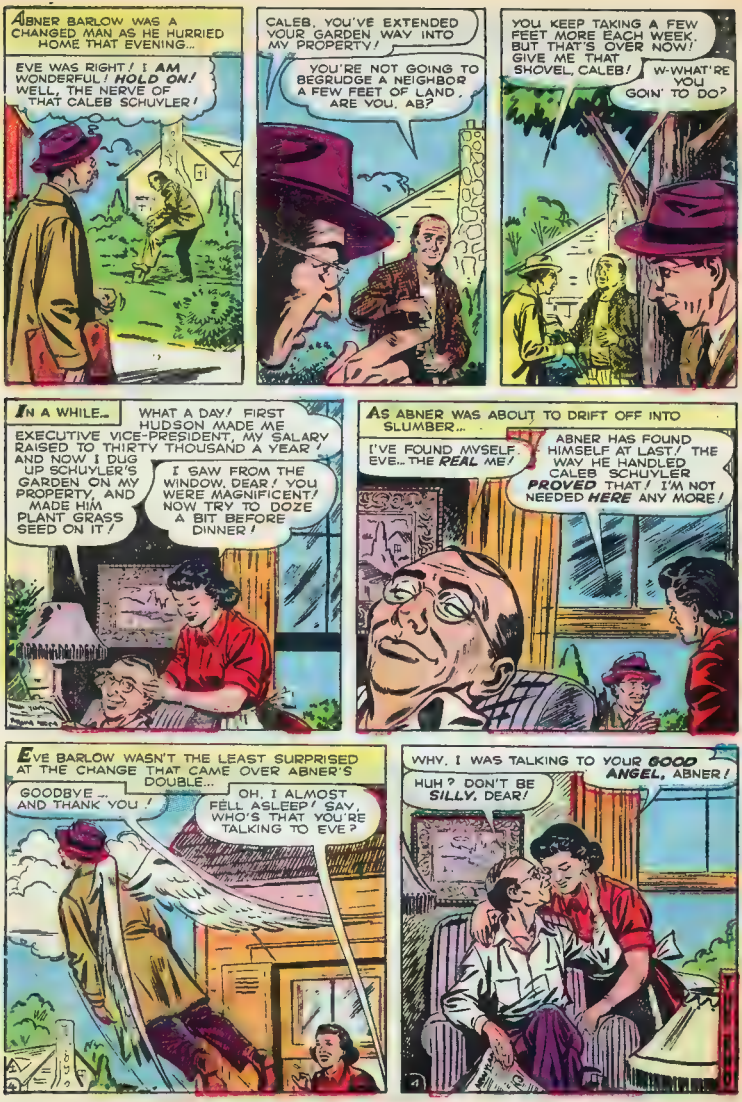
ABNER BARLOW WAS A CHANGED MAN AS HE HURRIED HOME THAT EVENING...
EVE WAS RIGHT! I AM WONDERFUL! HOLD ON! WELL, THE NERVE OF THAT CALEB SCHUYLER!
CALEB, YOU'VE EXTENDED YOUR GARDEN WAY INTO MY PROPERTY!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BEGRUDGE A NEIGHBOR A FEW FEET OF LAND, ARE YOU, AB?
YOU KEEP TAKING A FEW FEET MORE EACH WEEK, BUT THAT'S OVER NOW! GIVE ME THAT SHOVEL, CALEB!
W-WHAT'RE YOU GOIN' TO DO?
IN A WHILE...
WHAT A DAY! FIRST HUDSON MADE ME EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, MY SALARY RAISED TO THIRTY THOUSAND A YEAR! AND NOW I DUG UP SCHUYLER'S GARDEN ON MY PROPERTY, AND MADE HIM PLANT GRASS SEED ON IT!
I SAW FROM THE WINDOW, DEAR! YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT! NOW TRY TO DOZE A BIT BEFORE DINNER!
AS ABNER WAS ABOUT TO DRIFT OFF INTO SLUMBER...
I'VE FOUND MYSELF, EVE... THE REAL ME!
ABNER HAS FOUND HIMSELF AT LAST! THE WAY HE HANDLED CALEB SCHUYLER PROVED THAT! I'M NOT NEEDED HERE ANY MORE!
EVE BARLOW WASN'T THE LEAST SURPRISED AT THE CHANGE THAT CAME OVER ABNER'S DOUBLE...
GOODBYE... AND THANK YOU!
OH, I ALMOST FELL ASLEEP! SAY, WHO'S THAT YOU'RE TALKING TO EVE?
WHY, I WAS TALKING TO YOUR GOOD ANGEL, ABNER!
HUH? DON'T BE SILLY, DEAR!

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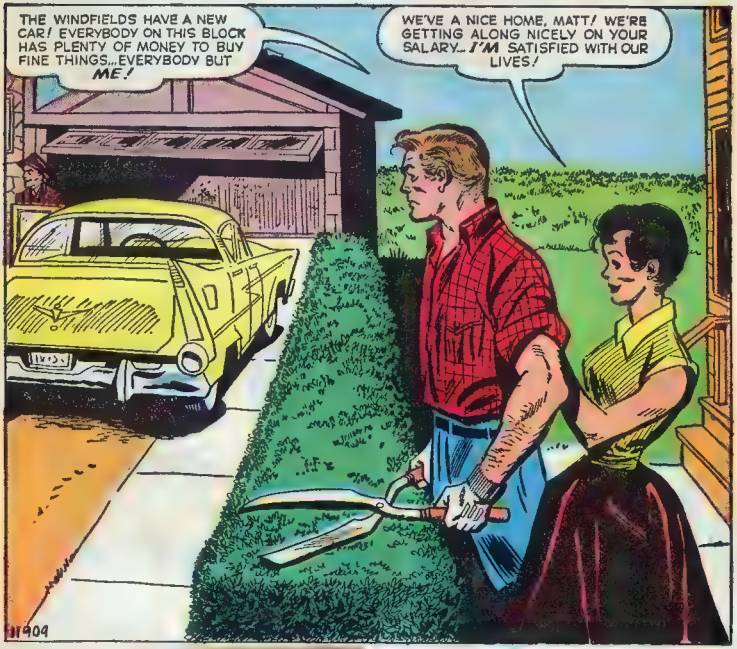
THE WINDFIELDS HAVE A NEW CAR! EVERYBODY ON THIS BLOCK HAS PLENTY OF MONEY TO BUY FINE THINGS...EVERYBODY BUT ME!
WE'VE A NICE HOME, MATT! WE'RE GETTING ALONG NICELY ON YOUR SALARY... I'M SATISFIED WITH OUR LIVES!
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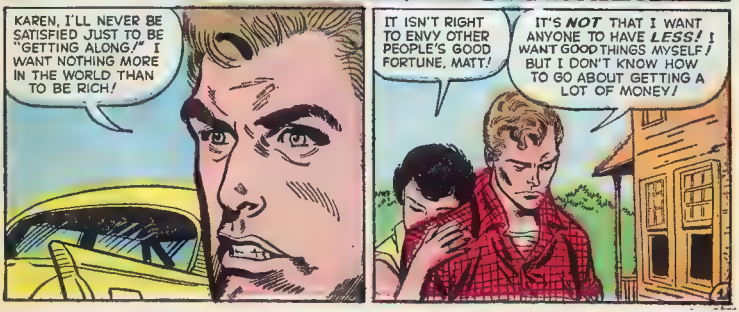
KAREN, I'LL NEVER BE SATISFIED JUST TO BE "GETTING ALONG!" I WANT NOTHING MORE IN THE WORLD THAN TO BE RICH!
IT ISN'T RIGHT TO ENVY OTHER PEOPLE'S GOOD FORTUNE, MATT!
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT ANYONE TO HAVE LESS! I WANT GOOD THINGS MYSELF! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING A LOT OF MONEY!

THAT NIGHT...
I'M JUST GOING OUT FOR A WALK, KAREN... DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME!
A WALK MAY DO YOU GOOD, DEAR!
IT WAS LATER, WHEN HE STOPPED AT A CAFE THAT MATT HOBSON MET THE STRANGE MR. KAY...
...THERE YOU HAVE IT, MR. KAY! I WANT TO BE RICH, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW!
I DO KNOW HOW, MR. HOBSON... BUT I'M FAR TOO OLD!
IF YOU'D SHARE THAT SECRET WITH ME, I'D BE GLAD TO SHARE ANY WEALTH IT MIGHT BRING!
VERY WELL! I HAVE A PAIR OF SHOES TO HELP YOU GO WHERE YOU WANT... MAGIC SHOES, MR. HOBSON! AND I HAVE A TREASURE MAP!
MAGIC SHOES? FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT YOU WERE SERIOUS!
TRY THEM ON! YOU NEED ONLY SAY, "SHOES TAKE ME HOME," AND YOU'LL BE THERE!
TAKE THIS MAP, AND WISH TO BE WHERE YOU WILL!
I FEEL KIND OF FOOLISH, BUT HERE GOES! SHOES, TAKE ME HOME!
IT HAPPENED SO FAST THAT MATT HARDLY TOOK A BREATH BEFORE HE STOOD IN HIS OWN LIVING ROOM...
MATT! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN!
KAREN, I'VE FOUND A WAY TO GET RICH! IT'LL MEAN GOING FAR AWAY FOR A WHILE!
MATT, I DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING RICH! PLEASE DON'T GO AWAY...THE CHILDREN AND I WOULD MISS YOU SO!
I'VE GOT TO GO! I WANT TO BE ABLE TO BUY FINE THINGS FOR ALL OF YOU!
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LATE THAT NIGHT...
THE MAP SHOWS THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE TREASURE... MT. KILIMANJARO, IN AFRICA! WELL, THE SOONER I GO, THE SOONER I'LL RETURN A WEALTHY MAN!
MAGIC SHOES, TAKE ME TO MT. KILIMANJARO, IN AFRICA!
IT WAS JUST LATE AFTERNOON WHEN MATT ARRIVED, A MOMENT LATER, IN KILIMANJARO...
IT SAYS--"DIG WHERE YOU STAND!"
IT TOOK TWO WEEKS OF DIGGING TO REACH THE TREASURE...
AT LAST! NOW FOR A LOOK AT MY RICHES!
ONLY ANOTHER MAP! THERE'S A NOTE AT THE BOTTOM OF IT... "IN THE CELLAR OF THE ABANDONED TOWN HALL, IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF BASEL, SWITZERLAND, SEEK THE STONE THIRD FROM THE NORTH WALL, SIXTH FROM THE WEST!"
MAGIC SHOES, TAKE ME TO BASEL, SWITZERLAND, TO THE ABANDONED TOWN HALL!
AN INSTANT LATER...
MORE DIGGING! WELL, WHAT IF IT DOES TAKE ME ANOTHER WEEK OR SO? AT THE END OF THAT TIME, I'LL BE RICH!
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IT TOOK HIM NEARLY THREE WEEKS TO FIND THE NEXT BOX...
ANOTHER MAP, ANOTHER NOTE! "SEEK NOW THE SPANISH GALLEON IN THE WATERS OFF CUBA!" THIS IS MORE LIKE IT.. THOSE SPANISH SHIPS USUALLY HAD TREASURES ABOARD!
SEEK NOW THE SPAN GALLE
I'D BETTER WISH MYSELF TO BE IN CUBA... AND I'LL HAVE TO RENT SOME DIVING GEAR THERE!
THE MAGIC SHOES CARRIED MATT TO CUBA, THEN TO THE STRONG ROOM OF THE OLD GALLEON...
"...IN THIS AMAZON JUNGLE YOU WILL FIND A VILLAGE!"
IT WAS IN THAT JUNGLE MATT HOBSON FOUND THE FINAL NOTE...
"THE LONG-SOUGHT TREASURE IS NOW AT HAND! RICHES AWAIT YOU AT GREENVILLE, OHIO! THE EXACT ADDRESS, 145 MAPLE STREET!"
THREE LONG MONTHS, IT HAS TAKEN ME! PERHAPS I'VE BEEN A FOOL! AH, WELL, MAGIC SHOES, TAKE ME NOW TO GREENVILLE, OHIO!
STRANGE OLD MR. KAY ARRIVED AT 145 MAPLE STREET SOON AFTER MATT HOBSON...
...SO I WOUND UP HERE, AT MY OWN HOME! IF I WEREN'T SO GLAD TO SEE MY FAMILY, MR. KAY, I'D BE FURIOUS ABOUT THAT WILD GOOSE CHASE!
BUT YOU HAVE FOUND THE GREATEST TREASURE ON EARTH, MR. HOBSON... YOUR OWN HOME AND LOVED ONES!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. KAY! MY DESIRE FOR MATERIAL RICHES BLINDED ME TO MY REAL WEALTH... MY WIFE AND MY CHILDREN!
YOU PROMISED ME MY SHARE, MATT HOBSON...THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! I'M SHARING THE JOY OF A HAPPY FAMILY!

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a cousin that afternoon and consented to leave Mickey at home with the servants. He and Willie were building a soap-box racer in the workshop, and Mickey had pleaded for permission to remain behind.

His father telephoned that afternoon to see if everything was all right, and Mickey was about to say Yes when through the windows a strange sight struck him. He gulped. Pop had sure done wonders with the gardens, doubling the flowers, and now that he had worked on the poplars . . .! Mickey rubbed his eyes. *Twenty-four* poplars now lined the driveway!

"What's the matter?" his father asked over the phone. "I thought I heard you shout 'two dozen'?"

"N-n-no, Sir," said Mickey quickly. "I said, 'How's cousin'?"

After he reassured his father that all was well, he raced from the house to the gardener's cottage.

"Ya gotta get rid of those extra poplars!" Mickey exclaimed breathlessly. "If Dad comes home and sees them, he'll fire you on the spot! We must have twelve, only twelve poplar trees. That's the -Twelvetrees family tradition!"

Pop looked grumpy. "So that's the thanks I'll get? Your Dad was happy enough to see the garden blooms double, so how was I to know he'd feel that way about the poplars? I thought he'd be glad! Mebbe your dad would consider changing his name to 'Twenty-fourtrees'?"

"Never!" Michael said.

"Please call the Green Thumbs," Willie pleaded with Pop. And Mickey watched in amazement as Pop ungloved his hands, held up his thumbs, each a vivid shade of green and rubbed them together.

Instantly, an army of green-faced, friendly creatures paraded through the door.

"They're distant relatives," Willie explained, as Mickey watched in astonishment. "Pop lived with them in Greenkinland until they decided to employ him as one of their ambassadors to keep the shrubs and forests going. The Greenkinlanders have an awful population problem with growing cities. So Pop got us the job here and the Greenkins are happy. They don't trouble anyone . . . never make themselves seen to Earth people. You're privileged though because you're really our friend."

In split seconds the Greenkins sprayed the twelve extra poplars with a 'Tree-remover', while Pop lamented the waste of his talents. He promised Mickey that in the future he would carefully use one thumb at a time to work his magic on the poplars to prevent them from doubling.

Mickey and Willie looked forward to more happy times together, and when Mr. and Mrs. Twelvetrees came home, they both happily remarked that the grounds looked lovely.

"Pop sure has a green thumb," said Mr. Twelvetrees admiringly.

"*Two* green thumbs!" said Mickey enthusiastically. And then as his parents looked at him suspiciously, he hastily added," I mean things look *twice* as good with Pop around!"

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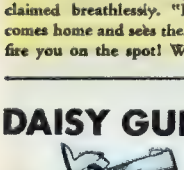

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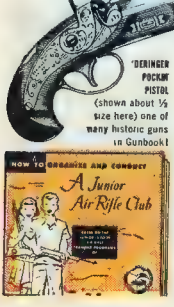

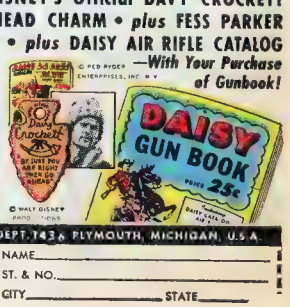

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SHE MARRIED A VERY RICH MAN, ERNEST BAKER! YES, I REMEMBER! DON'T TELL ME SHE LEFT YOU ALL HER MONEY?
CATHLEEN AND AVERY GARNER UNDERWENT SOME AMAZING EXPERIENCES IN THEIR GREEDY SEARCH FOR WEALTH! THEN THEY FOUND UNEXPECTED RICHES IN A MOST MYSTERIOUS WAY!
FOR WHOM THE SUN SHINES
NO, BUT ALMOST AS GOOD! SHE LEFT A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY... BUDDY, SHE CALLED HIM! HER LAWYER HAS WRITTEN, ASKING US TO ADOPT HIM!
WE'RE NOT USED TO HAVING CHILDREN AROUND THE HOUSE! AND YOU KNOW HOW I LIKE PEACE AND QUIET WHEN I GET HOME FROM WORK!
BUT WE'LL HAVE A FORTUNE AT OUR COMMAND!
THEN WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? WRITE THAT LAWYER WE'LL BE MOST HAPPY TO ADOPT YOUR BELOVED SISTER'S SON!

CATHLEEN GARNER WROTE AND MAILED THE LETTER, AND A FEW DAYS LATER...
"AND WE KNOW YOUR NEPHEW, BUDDY BAKER, WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE HIS HOME WITH YOU! I SHALL SEND HIM TO YOU WHEN HE RETURNS FROM BOARDING SCHOOL ..."
BOARDING SCHOOL! ONE OF THOSE EXPENSIVE PLACES, I'LL BET!
WE'LL BE RICH AVERY! WE WON'T WASTE ANY OF THAT MONEY ON BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE LIKE!
AND DON'T FORGET... YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE BOY REALIZE THAT HE MUST BE QUIET AT ALL TIMES!
THERE CAME A LIGHT RAPPING AT THE GARNER DOOR A FEW DAYS LATER...
AVERY! HE'S COME! BUDDY IS HERE! OH, DO COME IN, BUDDY... I'LL FIX YOU SOME LUNCH!
I'M VERY HUNGRY!
SOON...
FROM NOW ON YOU'RE TO STAY WITH US, BUDDY! WE'LL BE LIKE YOUR REAL FATHER AND MOTHER!
GARNER IS A NICE NAME, BUT I DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED BUDDY! MY REAL NAME IS DANNY!
THAT EVENING...
YOU GAVE THE BOY A HUGE LUNCH AND DINNER! NOW YOU LET HIM WASTE OUR TELEVISION TUBE AND STUFF HIM WITH CANDY AND FRUIT!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, AS LONG AS IT KEEPS HIM QUIET! THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED!
TWO MONTHS PASSED, AND NO MENTION OF MONEY WAS MADE BY THE LATE HELENA BAKER'S LAWYER! THE GARNERS BECAME MORE AND MORE IMPATIENT!
CAN'T YOU MAKE LESS NOISE WHEN YOU PLAY?
PLEASE, DANNY... TRY TO DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
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GOSH, YOU SAID YOU'D BE LIKE MY OWN FATHER AND MOTHER... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU LIKE ME ANY MORE!
BETTER GO EASY, AVERY... THE LAWYER MAY BE WAITING TO FIND OUT IF HE'S HAPPY WITH US, BEFORE SENDING THE MONEY!
WE'D BETTER GET THAT MONEY SOON! FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, THIS HOUSE IS GRADUALLY FALLING TO RUIN!
YES, THE WALL-PAPER IS PEELING, PLASTER FALLING FROM THE CEILINGS! BUT WE MUST WAIT!
IT WAS TRUE, THE HOUSE WAS IN BAD SHAPE... AND THE LONGER DANNY LIVED WITH THE GARNERS, THE WORSE IT SEEMED TO GET! SIX MONTHS PASSED BY...
NO MORE READING JUST NOW! WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
WE WROTE TO A LAWYER, DANNY, AND HE HAS WRITTEN US THAT YOU ARE NOT BUDDY BAKER, MY WIFE'S NEPHEW!
DIDN'T KNOW I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE! MY NAME IS DANNY KEITH, AND I GOT NO FOLKS... THAT'S WHY I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN YOU TOOK ME IN!
HOW COULD WE HAVE MADE SUCH A MISTAKE?
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE! AND THE LAWYER WROTE THAT MY SISTER DIDN'T LEAVE ANY MONEY!
SO, THAT VERY DAY...
WE'RE SORRY TO HAVE TO LEAVE DANNY HERE AT THE ORPHANAGE, MRS. BRUNDAGE, BUT WE DIDN'T LEGALLY ADOPT HIM... AND WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP HIM!
HE'LL BE FINE WITH US, MRS. GARNER... ALL OUR CHILDREN HERE ARE HAPPY!
AS THE GARNERS LEFT, THE RAIN FELL, AS DID DANNY'S TEARS...
HE'LL BE BETTER OFF WITH OTHER CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH!
AVERY! LOOK, IT'S RAINING WHERE WE ARE, BUT EVERYWHERE ELSE, THE SUN IS SHINING!
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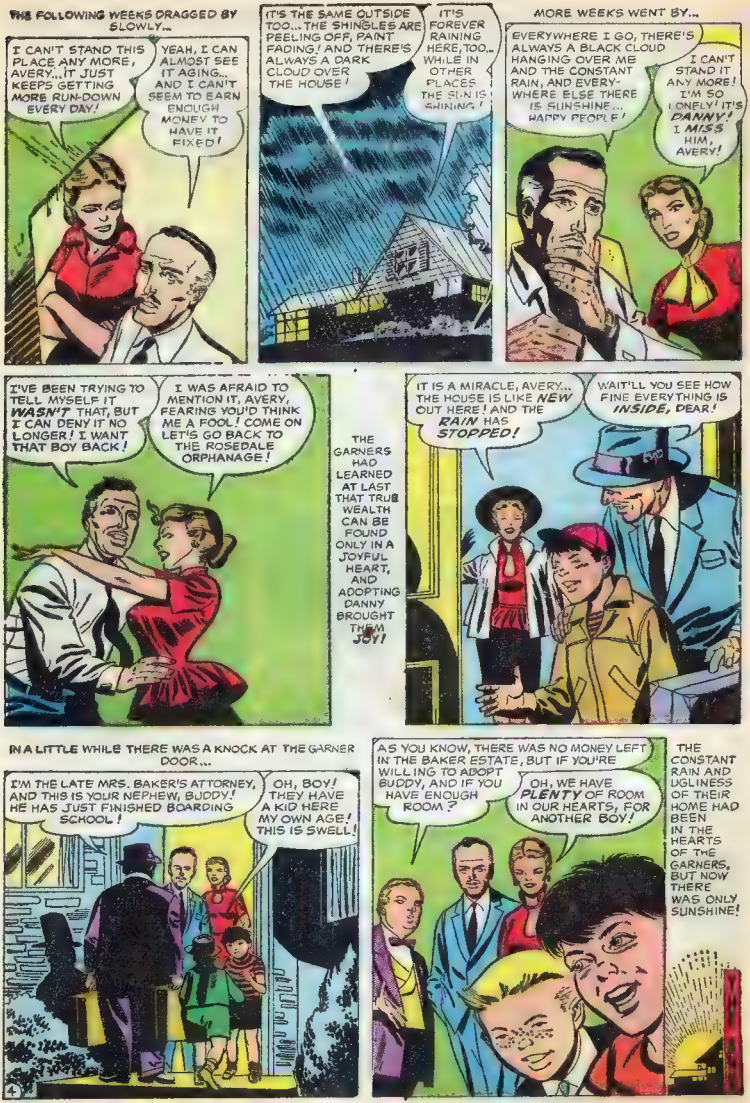
THE FOLLOWING WEEKS DRAGGED BY SLOWLY...
I CAN'T STAND THIS PLACE ANY MORE, AVERY... IT JUST KEEPS GETTING MORE RUN-DOWN EVERY DAY!
YEAH, I CAN ALMOST SEE IT AGING... AND I CAN'T SEEM TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE IT FIXED!
IT'S THE SAME OUTSIDE TOO... THE SHINGLES ARE PEELING OFF, PAINT FADING! AND THERE'S ALWAYS A DARK CLOUD OVER THE HOUSE!
IT'S FOREVER RAINING HERE, TOO... WHILE IN OTHER PLACES THE SUN IS SHINING!
MORE WEEKS WENT BY...
EVERYWHERE I GO, THERE'S ALWAYS A BLACK CLOUD HANGING OVER ME AND THE CONSTANT RAIN, AND EVERYWHERE ELSE THERE IS SUNSHINE... HAPPY PEOPLE!
I CAN'T STAND IT ANY MORE! I'M SO LONELY! IT'S DANNY! I MISS HIM, AVERY!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL MYSELF IT WASN'T THAT, BUT I CAN DENY IT NO LONGER! I WANT THAT BOY BACK!
I WAS AFRAID TO MENTION IT, AVERY, FEARING YOU'D THINK ME A FOOL! COME ON LET'S GO BACK TO THE ROSEDALE ORPHANAGE!
THE GARNERS HAD LEARNED AT LAST THAT TRUE WEALTH CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN A JOYFUL HEART, AND ADOPTING DANNY BROUGHT THEM JOY!
IT IS A MIRACLE, AVERY... THE HOUSE IS LIKE NEW OUT HERE! AND THE RAIN HAS STOPPED!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE HOW FINE EVERYTHING IS INSIDE, DEAR!
IN A LITTLE WHILE THERE WAS A KNOCK AT THE GARNER DOOR...
I'M THE LATE MRS. BAKER'S ATTORNEY, AND THIS IS YOUR NEPHEW, BUDDY! HE HAS JUST FINISHED BOARDING SCHOOL!
OH, BOY! THEY HAVE A KID HERE MY OWN AGE! THIS IS SWELL!
AS YOU KNOW, THERE WAS NO MONEY LEFT IN THE BAKER ESTATE, BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO ADOPT BUDDY, AND IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH ROOM...?
OH, WE HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM IN OUR HEARTS, FOR ANOTHER BOY!
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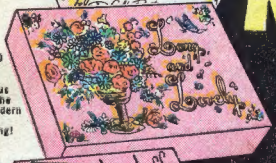

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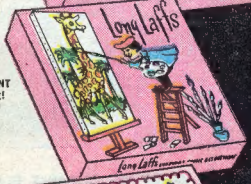

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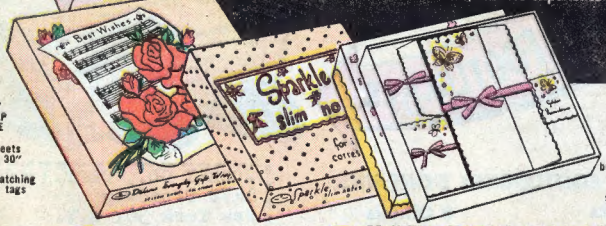

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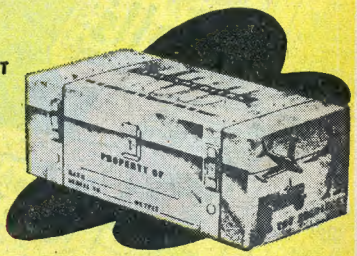

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